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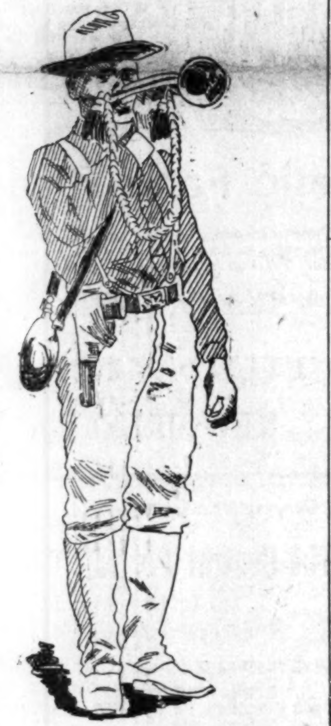
THE NEGRO SOLDIER

HIS MANLY BRAVERY AND HIS TENDER MERCY. GOD PUTS THE BEST

MATERIAL IN THE SOLDIER. FIRST

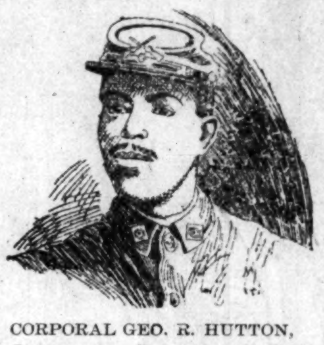
In War—First in Peace.—Valour Outdone by our Braves—When They Got to San Juan, There was a Hot Old Time.

Whatever may be the estimate of the Negro as a citizen, that he is an important element as a military factor is manifest by the requisition made upon him when the country is involved in war. From Bunker Hill to San Juan he has ever been in the prominent foregronnd where the truest and tried were required, where the game of battle was decided, and where the most important parts of our military history have been made. In times of peace he is wont to be treated by the major portion of our amalgamated populace as a scourge upon their civilization, if that can be termed, much to their lamentable disgrace; but whatever the sentiment for him in times of tranquility and there is nothing to occupy the attentions of the land more serious than economic political questions, in time of need when the existence of the country is at stake, as has been the case, yet too close not to be vivid in our memory, no one i more in demand than the brother in black, and all bitter sentiment intended to throttle him in public opinion, is consigned to the past for the time at least, in order to secure the best of his services for the occasion. This phase of the case is only too true of the war just ended. The appalling bitterness toward the Negro just prior to the war for the most part suspended when the confiict between America and Spain broke out. I say suspended because of the resuming of the old tactics toward him so soon as hostilities ceased and danger was no longer apparent. No more shameful treatment of the men who faced shot and shell in that memorial fight on San Juan, and who after the victory was ours faced death and disease in the interest of humanity in volunteering to care for the yellow fever patients at Siboney, could be imagined than that of the Richmond, Va., music hall audience who hissed off the stage one Mittchell an ex-member of Roosevelt's regiment who was lecturing to them on the Santiago campaign and the part taken in it by the soldiers in ebony, illustrating how the Black Tenth and the white Rough Riders fought side by side. The black soldier can never for that. But to the purpose of this article.



TRUMPETER JAS. PAINE,
24th Infantry, who sounded the famous call that sent his regiment yelling and charging up San Juan Hill like wild men.

When the breaking off of peaceable relations with was undoubted and war was inevitable and the concentration of troops was begun, in order no organize into brigades, divisions, etc., and make all neccessary preparation for the fray, all the colored troops in regular service were among the first to arrive at the theater of military operations, then Chicamauga Park, Ga. It was conjectured that, by all the colored boys being removed from their familiar haunts in the west, the colored troops would bear the brunt of the West Indian campaign, should they undertake such during the warm season and how near they were right in their guess one has only to refer to the history of the operations of the 5th Corps to know. Among the four colored regiments of Regulars called into action was one of which we in particular wish to speak, since we know so well of the gallantry of this particular organizasion of black hussars. The regiment left its beautiful station on wacth above Salt Lake City, Utah, April 20, 1898, with destinction New Orleans, La., which was afterward changed to Chicamauga Park, Ga., arriving at the last named place April 24th, 1898. On April 30th it changed stations to Tampa, Fla., and on June 14th embarked with Shafter's army on its mission to subdue Santiago. How successful that Corps was in its work is now a matter of history and does not need reviewing; about what part our particular heroes took in it? From the day of landing at Siboney June 25th, to the time of its returning home in September none was more actively engaged in the work done in breaking Spains arm in Cuba. From performing guard duty to charging the redoubtable enemy on the San Juan; from occupying the most important section of the defense works, (being the immediate occupants of the San Juan fort) to the nursing of the yellow fever patients at Siboney, this regiment showed the highest capability and quality yet reached by the American soldiery. The 24th Infantry in its three days fight, preceding the truce, lost 98 officers and men killed and wounded, all but two of these being lost in the charge up the hill on July 1st. From its unparalleled service among the sick, it lost one officer and 57 men from disease, and at one time 430 men of the regiment were on the sick report, victims to the disease of the patient among whom they were working. This unprecedented act of theirs brought forth the greatest applause ever given to our soldiers for gallantry. Even the most bitter Negro oppositionists were proud to shake his hand. He to was forced to admire his valor.



CORPORAL GEO. R. HUTTON,
24th Infantry. Recommended for a commission as 2nd Lieutenant, for his bravery in the San Juan Hill charge.

In a report of the service of the 24th Infantry while on duty at the yellow pest camp an officer in the service to the war department said, speaking of of the situation that confronted them on their arrival at the camp. "First the rather staggering demand for 65 nurses, for the pest camp were called for, the others being for nurses cooks, burial parties, attendents for the hospital proper. Volunteers for the service were then called for. This was the crucial test of the metal of the men and an anxious movement indeed. A course of action was decided on and matters explained to the men and volunteers for the pest camp were asked to step forward. From one company alone

(Continued Next Week.)

KIND WORDS FROM

DR. HENDERSON-HE ACKNOWLEDGES THE FREEMAN THE CROWNED KING

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EDITOR.

Criminal to Admit any Article Without Care to Its Pages. As Sponser of the Race It Should Be Compulsory.

Letters which I have received since the circulation of the Christmas edition of The Freeman have opened my eyes to a field much wider even than the vast field which I have for years claimed that The Freeman covered. I have on file forty-eight letters from almost as many states all of which relate to my humble article in the Christmas edition. Each letter expresses approval of the theories advanced and many from the South contain special commendations. A gentleman in Wilmington, N. C., says: "You seem to understand our situation and write as though you were right here and had to face the conditions that surround us."

As I read this letter I actually trembled as I thought of the thousands who had perused my words and whose lives might be to some extent influenced by them. The Freeman is the most widely circulated paper of the race and upon its editor rests a grave responsibility. The Freeman has reached that place of influence that renders it almost criminal for he editor to admit any article that is not sound in its doctrine and wise in its every utterance. Thousands of our people take what they see in The Freeman as authority upon which to base their conduct. No writer who is not moderate, deliberate and well posted should be allowed to contribute except under strict blue pencil restrictions. I will dash off no articles in a hurry but will lay each article aside and reread and rewrite it after a day of interval. God forbid that I should give to one of my race a single utterance that is not clear and sound. God forbid that anyone else should do so. I have been in nearly every Southern state and am in weekly correspondence with men of ability in all parts of the South. I am in daily contact with the economists and sociologists of New York and am in frequent touch with editors and reporters and with Southerners of both races and have a chance to form opinions based upon a knowledge of actual conditions and the accepted principles. When I write upon the race question it will be chiefly in The Freeman and what I write will be just what I would willingly practice.

The sky is dark, the tone of press and pulpit is doleful but I want to sound a cheerful note. One class of race leaders advise rash methods and another class advocate submission. Men of commonsense quickly see the folly of rashness and men of hope, courage and intelligence are slow to accept the advice to submit.

To be rash would surely deprive us of the sympathy and support that we must have for years; to tamely submit to what our most bitter foes demand would forfeit the respect and confidence of our friends. What shall we do? It is evident that in politics we cannot successfully maintain the domination to which our majorities may entitle us in certain states. To try to do so will provoke strife in which we are sure to come out worse off. What does wisdom dictate? Either divide our vote or else refrain from voting for a time. Rashness would insist on voting solidly and would provoke such laws as have already practically eliminated us from politics in three states. Patience with moderation will avoid this and yet leave the door to the free exercise of the ballot open. We can gain nothing by rashness. The only persons who profit by our ballot in the South are politicians none of whom will make any sacrifices for the race. President McKinley owes his nomination to us but once President of the whole people, patriotism ties his hads. Hen cannot pay a political debt when it would work injury to the country. The interests of the people who chiefly make a state, whatever their politics, cannot be made subordinate to those of a people, whatever their vote, who do not so fully represent the state.

The way of wisdom then is to draw out from politics until such a time as we can vote according to economic interests. When that time comes, and for thousands of us it is already here, our votes will be intelligent and as acceptable as those of any citizen. As producers our interests cannot be classed by race but will be in common with other citizens. When a colored man holding property or engaged in any pursuit the interests of which determines his vote discourages the class who vote for "de party what freed us" from crowding to the polls with their unreasoning, prejudiced and dangerous ballot, he is acting the part of a true patriot. The South wants every vote that represents some interest of the South but wisely and justly objects to allowing existing interests to be injured by the votes of men who are swayed by motives that are purely sentimental and that are unmodified either by thought or present interest. The office-holding colored men of the South and the ignorant and sentimental voters are the foes of the solid element of our race.

The objection of the South to sentimental and ignorant voters is just and will be sustained by the people.

But while I would advise submission along this line and take a decided stand against the politicians who hold the opposite view, I would advise the most uncompromising resistance to the civil discriminations that are being gradually introduced. There are good reasons for demanding that voters be intelligent and there are fair reasons for objecting to rude, vulgar and dirty persons crowding in first-class cars and restaurants but there is no reason on earth why Bishop Derrick, or Bishop Walters should be subjected to such treatment or why ladies should be thus treated because of their color.

The white people of the South do not want to make such unfair discriminations and only do it because they believe that to reach some they must exclude all. They do not find clearly defined classes among us and therefore in their legislation are not able to make exceptions. Now suppose that the bishops, the teachers, the prominent men holding national offices, etc., should have the moral courage to assert themselves as a class, I venture to say that Prof. Booker T. Washington and the rest of our best men would no longer ride in jim-crow cars. As soon as the fact of a class, however small, is recognized, the door is open and the line of cleavage will be fully acknowledge in due time.

Until the fact of respectibility secures recognition the most powerful incentive to progress is removed from the masses. I would teach the doctrine that cultured men of color who silently submit to civil discriminations such as the jim-crow car are contemptible cowards who surrender rights which would gladly be given for the proper asking.

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Notes of Interest.

Brandenburg, Ky., Special.

Rev. James Wilson of Louisville preached a very able sermon at the Baptist church last Sunday night. Miss Carrie arico, is visiting friends in Louisville. West Hill school conducted by G. H. Brown will close Jan. 31st. The school will give a literary entertainment for the benefit of its library. East Hill school taught by J. H. Braxton will close Feb. 3rd, with exercises. R. Wales, Miss Malissa Murray and Mrs. Bettie Mosley are on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Goodman entertained many of their friends in honor of Miss Lizzie Frasier of the Irvington, Ky., schools, Jan. 21. The A. M. E. Sabbath school is progressing nicely with J. M. Cross superintendent, G. H. Brown assistant, and Miss Etta Carico as teacher.

CAPT. SAM'L A. HULL

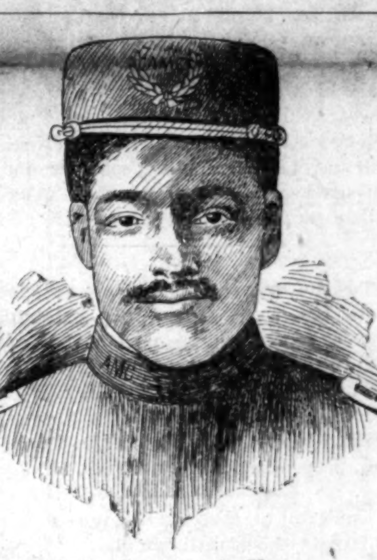
HIGH IN THE MILITARY CIRCLES OF HIS RACE—A MATHEMATICIAN

A DISCIPLINARIAN AND AN HONOR

To His Alma Mater—Normal Cadet Batallion Improving Rapidly Under His Instruction.

The golden door of opportunity is always open to some one. He is a wise man who, by dilligent application and methodical habits has so thoroughly fitted himself that he is standing ready to enter when the door is thrown open to him. But if he is not ready and still would enter, failure, disapointment, humiliation and defeat must be his ultimate misfortune. It is exceedingly fortunate that the younger element of the Negro race in the United States has the wisdom to appreciate the fact that individual fitness is the essential requisite in the consideration of true success in life. With education success is almost certain but without education, life can hardly be expected to be a full rounded success.

The young educated Negro is striving to make the conflicting elements in human life, harmonize toward a common aim and purpose. He realizes that the most gifted and thoroughly equipped should be selected to teach the young, that the race ought not to be continually humiliated by the failure of incompetent men of the race who have not enjoyed the advantages necessary to fit them for the work of imparting instruction to others. He is striving hard to demonstrate the fact that heart and mind are the essential elements with which victory is to be won; and that complexion, hair, flat noses and irregular features have nothing to do with soul force; that force that demands human sympathy the world over.



CAPT. SAMUEL A. HULL.

Captain Samuel Adams Hull, who is efficiently filling the chair of Mathematics in the Agricultural and Mechanical College, at Normal, Alabama, is an example of the young educated Negro referred to; who, while still in the lowlands of Georgia, felt the necessity of thorough equipment for the calling to which his ideals pointed him; and so interesting is his career that we think it ought to be known to the reading public. Captain Hull was born in Brunswick, Georgia, March 12, 1875. His father, June Hull, and his mother Julia Hull, were both members of that ex-slave class which were deprived of education in their days. Young Hull attended school but three months in his native town. He was not satisfied with his environments, his opportunities and his helps, and so, after working in the saw mills and thereby earning means, he left Brunswick at the age of thirteen years to seek his fortune in other sections. We find him entering the public schools of Hamilton, Ohio in 1891 and a year later he went to Cincinnati, O., where he entered the city school; while in Cincinnati he was granted a scholarship by the state of Ohio and was enterred at Wilberforce University in 1893 where he was trained by the ble Mrs. S. C. B. Scarborough, Prof. of Pedagogy and Superintendent J. P. Shorter, Professor of Mathematics and Lieutenant Chas. Young, a graduate of West Point, instructor of Military science and tactics. Young Hull soon indicated wonderful aptitude for the study of mathematics. He distinguished himself in the study of elementary arithmetic and continued to distinguish himself until he had passed through Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Physics, Mechanics, Geology and all the mathematical subjects up to and including differential and integral calculus. He was forced to work to earn money with which to pay his board and to buy clothing while at school. During the last three years of his married life he was greatly assisted by Prof. W. S. Scarborough. He was graduated from Wilberforce. in June, 1898 standing third in a class of fifty-six. when Lieut Young was called to take charge of the Ohio state volunteers. Mr. Hull then standing first in the Military cadets at Wilberforce, was asked to take full charge of the University organization and he managed it with great credit to himself and the instructor who had manifested such an interest in him. He was called to take the chair of Mathematics in the A. & M. College at the opening of that institution in September and he is now teaching higher algebra, trigonometry, geology and military science and tactics. His work at Normal has been very satisfactory and those persons now at Wilberforce who are watching his career may well share the pride of his personal friends at Normal in observing his upward movement.

The work of Negro education will be satisfactory and effectual just in proportion as our young men and women are well trained to do the work. There is not a leader among educators who appreciates this more than Prof. W. H. Councill, Ph. D., who saw the wisdom of engaging Captain Hull to fill the place left vacant by Prof. Darrell. The dicipline of the young men under Capt. Hull has been been improved greatly during the term. He understands human nature The military drill of the cadets both in early morning and in the afternoon present an interesting sight. The Normal Cadet Batalion will soon become of special interest in Northern Alabama. There are very few men in the United States who show greater evidences of future usefulness to the Negro race than Captain Samuel Adams Hull.

CHARLES ALEXANDER.

Gem City News.

Dayton, O., Special.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sherman of west 5th street, entertained a number of friends Thursday evening in honor of their guest Mr. Wm. Fielding, of Cincinnati, it was quite a swell affair. Mr. Geo. Hall and Miss Ida Sidney of Franklin, were among the guest present. Thursday afternoon the C. W. C. A., gave a reception at the Y. M. C. A. Hall to a number of invited guest, the luncheon was excellent. At night they gave a public musical entertainment in which some of our best talent participated. It was a success. The C. W. C. A. deserves great credit. Mrs. Kirkwood Anderson, of west 5th street is on the sick list. Miss Mary Lyons of Xenia, O., was in the city Sunday the guest of friends. John Anderson, of Urbana, O., was in the city Saturday on business. Miss Butler, of Springfield was in the city last week as delegate to the Epworth League convention which convened at the McKinley M. E church. W. I. Turner, of Troy, was in the city Sunday. Miss Adella Butler of west Mead street enteartained Miss Margret Hanston, Mr. S. C. Morris and Fred Brooks Wednesday evening. Mr. Pettisford, of Piqua, O., was in the city Monday on business. Rev. Furgerson of Camp Dennison, was a delegate last week to the Epworth League convention. Don't forget the grand reception and ball given by the Gold Bugs at Eaker Hall Thursday evening Feb. 9th. Geo. Young and his wife of Peoria, Ill., are visiting his brother and family John Young on Vine street. Edgar John had a serious accident last Friday night by a horse falling in an open man hole. We don't as yet know his injuires.

MAJOR'S MELANGE.

The weak against the strong is an incongruity too laughable to think about.

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A great many people claim that President McKinley has emancipated the Negro from Republican slavery, What have the thinking Negroes of the country to say about it?

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Negro Emigration is not encouraged by the Negro press,—Africa is too far away, Cuba and Porti Rica too near, and Hawaii and The Philipines clear out of sight. Let the Negroes emigrate to the country, buy cheap land, build log houses like the Prilgrim fathers, raise hogs, corn, cotton or anything humanity needs for food or clothing that is the right kind of Emigration.

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Evolution is getting in its work now in great shape. He is begining to think. He has found out that he must think in order to know how to govern. This leads to self government, the very palladium of our hopes for future worldly glory.

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Ex-Gov. Culburson of Texas, claims that the lynching and white capping tends more to certain and swift demoralization of those who do the act, than the poor unfortunates who are so mercilessly jerked into the other world. He thinks that this sudden punishment; is not expedient since it does not lessen the crime of rape. He advocates the complete suppression of judge Lynch.

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The Negro teachers of Texas are doing a noble work for the race in their advocacy of extending to the youth of that state a classical curriculum by the establishment of a State University. Prairie View College, located near Hempstead may receive the needed appropriation to make it a university. Hurrah for dear old Texas and her noble sons adopted or otherwise.

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Rev, Jessie Woods, the talented lecturer and minister visited this city. Recently the gentleman has launched into the sea of journalism a creditable race magazine published at Mattoon, Ill.

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Rev. Mr. Pope and Dr. Sissel have held the boards against Satan at Simpson Chapel the past two weeks. They completely routed the enemy and have no less than twenty accessions to the church.

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It looks unfair to promote persons to office whose existence points to suspicion, when there are hundreds of good men that could represent Pennsylvania in the United States Senate. To what base end have we come? If Mr. Quay is worthy to be United States Senator, the common wealth of his state ought not condemn him, if he is condemned, then he should be turned down. Isn't this a peculiar way to reason? You get the idea. Do not trust the suspicious.

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The Colored American thinks a man ought to represent the Negro Council as secretary instead of a woman. Well it looks as if Ida has downed the whole Barnett parapharnalia, we never hear of him unless it implies possession, caudal appendage or a wife's husband. It appears that Mr. Barnett breathed his last since he went to New York to get interviewed by the Age editor, wherein he spoke of numerous rich Negroes (who are deeply in debt) and fine churches in Chicago owned by Negroes (but so deeply in debt that it takes the religion out of every mothers son of them when they hear the slighest hint of a church rally-) This is not the only rediculous feature however, but let it suffice. I guess Mrs. Ida Wells-Barnett will be seretary of the Negro Council all of this 1899.

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Hon. Jno. P. Green and Mr. Lyons and all the other gentlemen who are employed by the administration did just exactly right in championing the cause of their chief. It cannot be said that the Negro is an ingrate, he never was but is by nature and by energy and pride an innocent sickly apologist for any wrong upon the race, when their nest is feathered, I guess they are right. Money talks, a big fat job will purify the mind of the best men, white men, black men, and red men, and all other kinds are alike when the telescope is headed on the Silver Shiny wherewith. It can even make Tom Fortune swoon into a sudden quietus, no matter if he is the present loud-mouth second to Wm. J. Bryan.

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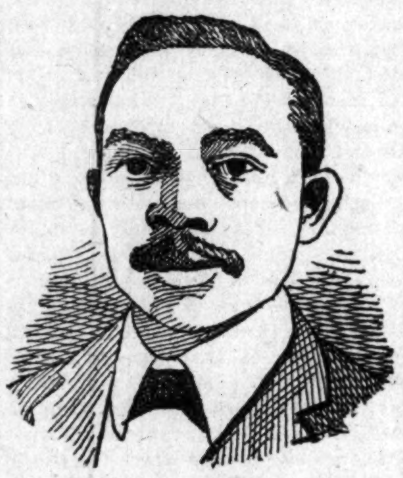
The Negroes of Indianapolis, Ind., should be especially proud of their lawyers and doctors. And they should find a great source of comfort in the fact that they are almost to a man ably prepared to give genuine satisfaction. They are educated like the white lawyer and the white doctor, and their failure, should they fail, does not rest with them, the blame and responsibility falls on our colored cstizens. If they succeed then the race gets the credit of holding up the race's enterprises. Patronize our colored doctors and lawyers, when you need men to look after your affairs intelligently, it can be intrnsted into their hands, and rest assured always they will do the best they can to win an enviable reputation and achieve honor and glory. Stand by your race. It is when the race looks after the worthy ones, that they are inspiring our youth with ambition, and firing their growing minds to be somebody of worth to their race and generation. The men of the race who own property should intrust to the painstaking care of our colored lawyers, their legal business. The Negro who gets sick should send always for a Negro doctor. If they are prepared and they are, you can better afford to trust your lives with the Negro doctor. Finally stand up for your race, encourage the young men of your race in their varied pursuits, patronize them, spend your money with them, as you must spend it with somebody. The race will then command more respect, because they will have greater means to display their power.

M. A. MAJORS, M. D.



W. H. PARKER.

Mr. W. H. Parker of Montgomery, Ala., at one time hustling agent for the Austin Tex. Herald for two years or more is now our agent in Ala. He is a scholar, lecturer and writer, and doubtless will make his work, at least his way among the race. He represents The Indianapolis Freeman, and like Mr. Grant Neal, will travel as our hustling solicitor and uewsgatherer. The above cut is an excellent picture of Mr. Parker.

Notice.

To the traveling public colored, the Hotel Langston a three story building, with 62 rooms, 2 large parlors, 1 large dinning room, all new furniture, held its grand opening Tnusday Dec., 29, '98. And will from thence forward tronage is solicited. Mrs. M. D. Bronglin,, proprietress, Hot Springs, Ark.

Don't fail to take advantage of our $1.00 rate—lasts until Jan 31st.

THE FREEMAN CROWNED KING.

If you kick on the $1.50 rate, now pay $1.00 and get your money's worth.—Good until Jan., 31st.—Send $1.00 now.

The Indianapolis Freeman issued a Xmas number which was highly complimentary to its editor and publisher as well,—South Western Christian Advocate.

The Xmas edition of The Indianapolis Freeman capped the climax in Negro journalism. The illustrations were exceptionally good. The quality of paper and the reading matter were the best procurable.—The Paris Texas Reporter, (a white newspaper.)

The Xmas edition of The Indianapolis Freeman was grand. It contained cuts of some of the leading men and women of our race and was printed on verv fine paper. Its editorials, like they always are, were timely and interesting. It can be well said of all our Xmas editions, The Freeman excelled them with it twenty brilliant pages.—Christmas Index.

The Xmas number of The Indianapolis Freeman was the best all around special publication by colored men we have ever read. It consists of two quarto sheets and one folio, making twenty pages, six columns to the page with one hundred original and pictorial matter. The contributors are among the ablest Negro writers in the country and no man black or white, north or south can review this publication without becoming impressed with the journalistic efforts of Elwood C. Knox, managing editor of The Indianapolis Freeman.—Fiorida Sentinel.

$1.00 gets The Freeman for one year. Good until Jan., 31st.,—Do not procrasinate, subscribe now.

A SONG OF FORGETTING.

The hours as playthings were—ah, me!
  And laughter lived in every word
What time that love was young and glee
  In every pulsing heart throb stirred.

The wild plum blossomed in the glen,
  The rabbit raced across the plain,
And frightened birdlings flurried when
  Our hounds and horses tramped the grain.

Down in the grove beside the spring
  We rested when the race was won,
And listened to the wood bird sing
  A lullaby when day was done.

But, ah, you wandered from my side
  And paved the long lone lane of years
With memory stones and loss too wide
  For sobs to soothe with memory tears.

And now you come—come back to me
  To fill, as then, the old time place—
Where is the magic of your plea?
  What change has come upon your face?

Oh, friend, to lose and still love on,
  To live on chaff instead of grain
Is better than to feel love gone—
  Forgetting is the keenest pain.

—Atlanta Constitution.

CHARLES STEWART PARNELL

How the Great Irish Leader Came to Enter Politics.

Charles Stewart Parnell was 28 years old before he made his entry into the political arena. How the step was taken is thus described by Mr. R. Barry O'Brien in his biography of the great Irish leader:

"One night during the general election of 1874 Parnell dined with his sister, Mrs. Dickinson, in Dublin. After dinner Captain Dickinson said: 'Well. Charles, why don't you go into parliament? Why don't you stand for your native county?'

"To the surprise of every one at the table, Parnell said quickly: 'I will. Whom ought I to see?'

" 'Oh,' said Dickinson, 'we will see about that tomorrow. The great thing is you have decided to stand.'

" 'I will see about it at once,' said Parnell. 'I have made up my mind, and I won't wait. Whom ought I to see?'

" 'I think Gray of The Freeman's Journal,' said John, who was also present.

" 'Very well,' said Parnell, rising from the table, 'I shall go to him at once. Do you come with me, John.'

"The two brothers then went away together. It was now 11 o'clock, and they found Gray at The Freeman's office. He was amazed when Parnell entered and said, 'I have come to say, Mr. Gray, that I mean to stand for Wicklow as a Home Ruler.' "

It was only the year after that, on the death of John Mitchel, Parnell was returned for Meath. At first it is plain that Parnell had few if any followers. The ability of the representative from Meath was questioned. Butt was then the controlling power. It was only in 1880 that Parnell became the leader.

Bruges.

The chronicles of 1456 speak of 150 vessels in its basins and of German merchants carrying away over 2,000 pieces of cloth to the distant lands of Russia and Poland. It was the exchange of Europe, possessing in the fourteenth century 52 guilds and 150,000 inhabitants, more than three times as many as it now contains. Among its wares we read of leather from Spain, wool from England, silk from Italy and Persia, linen and cloth from Brabant, hemp and flax from Holland, wine from Portugal, Greece and France and hardware from Germany, which included every variety of object in ivory, bone, wood, glass, tin, copper, lead, iron, silver and gold. It had its factories, its curriers, its dyers, and its taxation considerably exceeded that of Ghent. But at the commencement of the fourteenth century its troubles began—troubles from within and from without.

The Suene was rendered useless by the invasion of sand as far as Sluis (Ecluse), treachery, slaughter and political jealousies and rivalries completed the fall, and in 1544 its inhabitants had diminished to 7,696. Then came the religious wars and persecutions from 1567 to 1584, the fanatics and the Gueux destroying what remained, leaving little for the French revolutionists.—Good Words.

The Swiss Parliament.

Switzerland differs from other countries in many things, and one of the most remarkable is the way in which its parliamentary debates are conducted. A Swiss member of parliament can express himself in French, German or Italian, and the privilege is freely used. When the president of the federal assembly speaks in German, his remarks are translated by a secretary in close proximity to him. All the laws and resolutions, before being voted upon, are drawn up in French, German and Italian, and every official report is published in these three languages.—Birmingham Post.

Making It Clear.

Somebody has discovered that a Bermuda onion eaten raw will clear the head. A Bermuda onion eaten raw will do more than that. It will clear an entire room. An active Bermuda onion is a complete clearing house all by itself. Take one Bermuda onion—only one—and let the lips of beauty close upon it, and love will turn to hatred and honey to gall and bitterness.

Clear the head? Why, a Bermuda onion in fairly good health will clear the head of navigation!—Exchange.

The Germans have introduced what amounts to slave labor in their east African colonies. Each native village must furnish a certain number of inhabitants to labor for the imperial government, on plantations or elsewhere. without pay.

A man who is overshrewd in his business relations is pretty sure to learn in the course of time that the world is shrewd enough to protect itself against him.—Somerville Journal.

Gambling debts are recoverable by law in France, Spain, Venezuela, and in some cases in Germany

News Notes.

Monmouth, Ill., Special.

The pastor of the Methodist church this year is Rev. T. W. Lewis, Mrs. Lewis, wife of the pastor has been confined to the house every since they have been here with a bad cough. The pastor of the Baptist Church is Rev. G. E. Mason. The ladies of the church held their Fair Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights of the holiday week. It was well attended. The young people rendered Mrs. Thomas' drama "Thirty Years of Freedom," at the Methodist church last Thursday. The church was comfortably full, the program was very well carried out for the amount of preparation made. It was a success financially also. The Mason's and the Eastern Stars gave a joint social in their hall Monday night which, although not as well attended as might have been, was a very pleasant affair. Mr. Thomas Brown and family attended the marriage of Mrs. Brown's sister Miss Cora Pruitt, to Mr. Vesey, of Waunock, in Knoxville during the holidays. Mr. Jerry Wallace spent the holidays in Augusta. Miss Maud Ramey of Bushnell and Mr. DeWight Williams, of Kewanee visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Marlow during the holidays. Mrs Jennie Smith and daughter, Miss Dora are visiting friends and relatives here. Miss Mattie Thomas spent a few days in Knoxville during the holidays. Mr. Geo. Jones, Supt. of the Methodist Sabbath school was not present last Sabbath on account of sickness. Marie and Bernice Saunders are getting over the measles. Mr. Elisha Saunders has been down in bed with a very bad cold but is convalescent now. Mr. Warwick has also been off duty on account of sickness. Messrs. Ethel Marlow, Lee Moore, Chas. Wallace, Joe Thomas, and Leonard Simms made a short trip to Galesburg recently.

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Lucius Harper was recently awarded three medals by the Texas State Fair and Dallas exposition.

Dawson City has a Negro pound master at a salary of $500 per month, and police powers have been conferred upon him and his assistants.

Augusta, Ga. has a colored druggist named N. A. Mixon who has two stores, both of them situated in good localities and doing an excellent business.

Mr. W. H. Nicholson, of Brooklyn. was appointed a fireman last week. Mr. Nicholson is the first colored colored man to be appointed to such a position in the state of New York.

Virginia has 650,000 Negroes who have the control of 4 colleges. 13 high schools, 4 building associations, 6 Y. M. C. Associations, 2 insurance companies, 2 land companies and 1 bank.

A bill to aid in the construction of a mechanical school of industry for colored youths in the state of Texas as an annex to the Prarie View College, at Prarie View, Texas. has been introduced in Congress.

William Waldorf Astor, an American who resides in England has contributed $25,000 to a fund of $500,000 which General Sir Herbert Kitchner proposes to endow a Memorial College at Khartoum for the Africans.

The citizens of Cincinnati, Ohio. have organized a National Banking Association. the officers of which are Samuel M. Nickerson, pres; J. B. Forgan. vice-pres.; R. J. Street, cashier; Geo. D. Baulton, ass't cashier.

Dr. M. A. Majors, of The Freeman force has been appointed a member of the General Committee of the Indiana State Epworth Leage. The only colored member of this most important committee to represent the race in Indiana.

Among the property owners of Richmond, Va., the following are some of the prominent: Mrs. Fannie C. Thompson, $15,000; W. I. Johnson, $15,000; A. Hayes, $12,000, William Lyons, $10,000; John Oliver, $10,900; estate of Dr. S. H. Dismond, $8,000. Many others of wealth could be mentioned.

Mr. Ashley M. Gould, a brilliant young Marylander, has been appointed to fill the office of Assistant District attorney at Washington, D. C. in place of D. W. Baker, white. The selection is an excellent one, as Mr. Gould is a lawyer of exceptional ability and has no peer among the younger members of the District bar. He is a graduate of the Georgetown Law school and in addition to having served a term in the office of the Attorney General, he has been a member of the Maryland Legislature from Montgomery county and was the leader of his party upon the floor of the House. The appointee is President of the Washington Title Company and resides in Takoma.

Picked Up in Passing.

Huntington. W. Va. Special.

Rev. Robt. Steele is now winding up his work with us. He will leave for conference in March. Samuel Hill is in the city again after a long stay in Virginia. Dr. W. S. Kearney, our representative physician, during the last week has had more practice than he could well manage. Mrs. Fannie Gibbs who has been bed fast for so long is not much better. Mrs. Mary Taylor and Mrs. Humbles, received a telegram last week telling of the death of their father W. H. Banks of Beaver Dam. They left the following day. The Christmas number of the Freeman will stand a reference for lovers of Negro Journalism. Mr. Aaron Robinson is wearing a broad smile since the appearance of a fine boy at his house. Mr. J. W. Scott has opened a night school at his home on Eighth avenue. Mrs. Belle Perkins has been very sick but is better at present. The Baptist Church is holding a series of revival meetings. Don't forget to subscribe for the Freeman at the special reduction of $1.00. You said $1.50 was too much, now how about $1.00. The party given at the home of Mrs. Robert Humphrey was attended by many young people. Although the weather was inclement it had little effect upon the attendance. The guests engaged themselves in games, plays, etc. until a late hour, when the doors of the dining hall were opened and the guests were told to march in where they partook to their satisfaction of the delicacies of the season. Those present were; Misses. Willie James, Henrietta, Overton, Willie Taylor, Amanda James, Price, Nannie Gains, Georgia Miller, Malinda Johnson Georgia Scott, Hattie Smith, Georgia Glover, Florence Levisey and Messrs. Housen, Viney, Bowels, Fitzgerald, Harris, Davis, Barnett, Seals, Rhoades, Underwood, Poindexter, Whirl and Johnson. Mrs. Fanny Washington is sick. The Rising Son's and Daughters after paying expenses from their suppers during the holidays, cleared $90 which is deposited in the bank The young ladies and men of this club deserve commendation as they are working in the interest of the new church. Mr. Louis Foes of the East end lost several days from work last week owing to an attack of LaGrippe.

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DR. J. M. HENDERSON, OF NEW YORK.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a letter to The Freeman written by Dr. Henderson, in which he aptly sums up the condition of racial affairs in the country. The letter shows a genuine, heartfelt interest and without doubt will be considered just so much more race literature that has a remedial bearing upon the situation. His views are rather more pronounced than anything yet eminating from influential persons; not because many of the race do not think with him but because he has the courage of his convictions. Like De-Bergerac would put it; he makes bold truths stand out like spurs.

The Freeman feels that when Dr. Henderson says, "The Freeman is the most widely circulated paper of the race and upon its editor rests a grave responsibility. The Freeman has reached that place of influence that renders it almost criminal for the editor to admit an article that is not sound in its doctrine and wise in its every utterance. Thousands of our people take what they see in the Freeman as authority upon which to base their conduct," that it has been paid the highest compliment possible for him to pay. The injunction has the Freeman's endorsement. and now is an excellent time to serve it. The situation is too menacing to treat the great question flippantly, passionately or unstudiously. These modes of procedure availeth nothing if not the reverse of the contention.

The letter may be regarded in the same light as the first speech of a great campaign; its issues well defiined, tersely stated and equivocation quite out of the question.

"What I write will be what I would willingly practice." His sincerety is not to be questioned. Sincerety tempered with wisdom and moderation must be the prevailing forces,

There are many who feel that such a position is the result of smallness when the reverse is true. It is the unfailing sign of greatness. It is only the small, stingy hearted individual that fears to acknowledge that he is outclassed, outmatched or outgeneraled. Acknowledge the situation and then make the best of it! This is greatheartedness and he that has the seeds of greatness implanted, he only will do much in wringing white-winged peace out of the very much perturbed times. Bowing to the inevitable is but a sign of temporary vanquishment. No invasion is made on the mental reservation. Courage alone consists in resisting to the extent of the ability; which means ability to act, not talk.

The race does not need to sit humbly by and thus help forge its own shackles. But the order is to proceed along the lines of the least resistance, maintain the vantage and deploy for the advance. The precept as presented is sound and noncontestable.

There are those that feel that it is necessary to cry "injured innocents." hoping that mercy will thus come. The destiny must be worked out and not talked out.

Attack the question from the white man's side. He has his convictions on racial questions and he is the arbiter of the destiny of this country, if majorities count for anything.

Dr. Henderson speaks well when he says that McKinley is the President of the people and that patriotism runs counter to party ties. It cannot be said that great wisdom is shown when the governmental machinery is desired to be invoked to settle questions that are so elusive in their nature and when such invocation simply means wreck and ruin for the whole people. The Afro-American says:

"What the race most needs now is a leader who has the confidence of his race behind him, its interests social, material and religious constantly before him, an unselfish advocate wise and discreet, untrammelled by love of place and power, and unrestrained by a sense of any obligations he may be under to our enemies. Have we such a man?

While sentimental Northern apologists are falling on the necks of southern "Brigadiers" and shedding briny tears over rebel graves, the red handed revolutionists and murders of the south are continbing to solve the problem in the same old way.—The Chicago Conservator.

There isn't the slightest relation between the two events. One of the conditions does not grow out of the other. The equation needs simplifying and not further complications. It is not very likely that we will make much headway if we make it our chief business to insult living and dead Confederates. The dead is always a subject for sympathy and sentimentalism. Let us also learn that to them their dead were their heroes. Let us learn that when we touch the dead we tear agape, a wound that is very slow in healing.

We have said nothing about The Freeman's Christmas edition for the reason there is nothing to say. Everybody knows that Hon. George L Knox is getting out the best secular Negro paper north of Mason and Dixon line if stability and soundness of reasoning count for anything. Not only is this true Christmas, it is true every week. At the same time we state that the Appeal for obvious reasons is capable of doing more good for the Negro race than any paper published on the Continent Of course we do not mean that it cost as much as it does The Freeman to get in the hands of our readers. Use your thinking cap. We always mean what we say.—The Appeal Atlanta, Ga.

There is more modesty in the assertion of Hon. C. H. J. Taylor than appears at first blush. It must be remembered the Appeal is so situated geographicalliy that it has better opportunities to carry out its mission. Then too, the Appeal, believes in a Negro party. Of course the result of such a movement is problematical. But Taylor has reasons for his taith and the courage of his convictions—Galilleo, nor Columbus were better equipped.

The Weekly Express of Dallas, Tex., thinks the advice; that colored men should stay out of politics is a mistake. If the Express has the Freeman in mind, it desires to say that it advises against pitting the whole race politically in the interest of a few who desire to get on, only. It advises against the whole race entering politics as though it was the only avenue to influence, afluence, or wealth. It does not decry the position of active politics to the active politicians as witnessed in the othe other races. It advises that where participation in voting, means nothing gained, but an absolute loss in civil rights, that, that right should be held in obeyance holding such a right under the circumstances a mere figment in face of the fearful consequences.

Too much praise cannot be given to Governor Mount, of Indiana for his avowed opposition to the lynching evil. Indiana, may it be said is not affected with the craze of lynching Negroes, but never-the-less the whole people are interested in a law that lessons the tendencyof the evil no matter against whom it is directed. Nip it in the bud! All are ashamed that a great state, a law abiding state should see the necessity for introducing such preventative measures: but the necessity does exist; therefore give us the law. A bill has already been framed by the Attorney General of the state and it has been presented to the Indiana Legislature. It seems a step out of the ordinary channels of legislation in the face of good courts and upright judges. And yet in the face of them the members of the late mob gathering are not apprehended. If politics and fear of reprisals create timidity in those whose business it is to ferret out criminals, then let the communities pay for harboring the criminals and this timidity. To let the mob spirit grow unnoticed is an open invitation to mob practice.

Lynchburg, Tenn., is very aptly named. A mob there recently lynched two Negroes on account of their "utter worthlessness." Therefore in the true spirit of philanthropy they were put out of the way because they were a charge on themselves as well as eye-sores to the very appropriately named burg. Lynchburg which had some misgiving as to the authority rests for its name, now secure with a title in fee simple. Other and newer communities are to take warning that to take this name of lovable memory, is to be considered an infringement unless they can shine forth in the same valorous deeds and exploits. The town, it is hoped is safe from encroachment on its preserves and incoporeal heraditation.

A conference of leading colored men met recently in North Carolina under the guidance of Congressman White from that state. They petitioned the legislature, to desist from its advertised intentions of reducing school revenues for the education of colored youths, the inauguration of the "jim-crow" car system and other contemplated innovations that conspire to throttle Negro manhood. These men are on the right track. The powers that be can not be ignored with impunity. It is perhaps humiliating that man should supplicate man in order to obtain his just deserts; but a condition confronts and no theory.

There is quite tilt between Mr. R. W. Thompson of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Cosmopolitan, as to who is the Recording Secretary of the Afro-American Council. Mr. Thompson says he is, and Mrs. Barnett says she is. Now who is secretary? Is there anything in it? The Afro-American Council should call an extra session in order to dispose of this most important business, which seems about as big as all the deliberations combined.

The Methodist Herald of New-York, edited by Dr. J. M. Henderson is a valuable contribution to the publications of the race. The editor is known for his fearlessness in dealing with church, civil, social and political problems. His views while, as a rule, are advanced, yet when given consideration stand all the tests to which they may be subjected. On the race-question he stands for making the best of the situation.

A great daily paper with $50,000 behind it is contemplated for Washington City. We say Washington City advisedly; for 'tis not supposed that it is meant for the whole country any more than great "white" dailies are meant. Washington with her thousands of Negroes can if it will float and support the enterprise. It has the best wishes of all.

Governor Ellerbe of South Carolina has the courage of his convictions. He like Mount of Indiana inveighs against the lynching evil. It means considerable more in South Carolina to take such a stand. It is said that the whites and blacks alike are pleased with the position he has taken. This is the class of men to get to thinking.

No, Mr. Mis(fortune) can not condescend to take advice from the Freeman; but he intensely desires that the Freeman and all the Negroes ascend to the stabbing point, and stab the president. Moral: Despise not the day of small things.

Illinois now wants an Industrial School for the benefit of the colored youths of Southern Illinois. The colored people of that state are agitating such a movement. It may not amount to anything, but it is a strange way to act in face of their last school muddle. What do they want in Illinois?

It is understood that Mr. R. W. Thompson, formerly of this city is a clerk in Recorder Cheatnam's office. He is an efficient man and without doubt will give Mr. Cheatham the utmost satisfaction.

Read "Wanted a Leader" in the Baltimore Afro-American. It is a sensible, timely high toned, dignified casting up of the situation.

The Washington Bee does not think the late Afro-American Council was a representative body.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Why does not the year begin on the 25th, day of Christmas, the birthday of Christ, instead of waiting until the 1st day of January—Subscribe.

It does not appear that the day had much to do with it. The years of the christian era are supposed to have begun with the year of Christ's birth in honor of him. and also to punctuate the era. The era was not so marked at once, but was a matter of after thought. In fact it is now held that, in calculating even the year that Dionysius the little, missed it by three or four years. There is absolutely no certainty in the matter. It is held that the present year computed on the true year of Christ's birth would be 1902 or 3. So far as the 1st of January being the first day of the New Year it is not the same in all countries. The annunciation, the 25th of March has often been held the first day of the yrar, which of course means christian countries. The 25th of December is simply a calculation of 9 months the probable period of the gestation from the conception dating from the 25th of March. The months and days particularly have been shifted about to best suit the earth's annual revolutions, and with regard to the equinoxes and season. So it may be seen that if a day was set for the annunciation, the 25th of March that it necessarily fixed a calculated day for the birth. But not so with the first day of the year which, as before stated was in many ways. We hope the answer throws some light on the subject.

Shelbyville News.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special.

Mrs. Geo. Montgomery, has recovered from her sickness. J. F. Wright, of Carthage was a guest of Prof. Roberts on last Sunday. Johnnie Dudley remains the same at his parents home in Broadway. Quite a number of friends attended the party given by Frank Vanmeter, on Jan. 29th. Orange Sneed of Indianapolis was home on last Sunday to see his relatives. The music class of building no 2. did some very excellent singing at the Second Baptist church on last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Abe Russel have about recovered from their recent illness. Mrs. Daniel Ramsey, is sick at her residence in Washington avenue. Robert Reed of Indianapolis is home on a visit. Every person who wants the latest news should read The Freeman an agent will be around every Saturday. Miss Lizzie Grisson of Muncie is at home to remain awhile. The Rev. Samuel Razor preached at the Second Baptist church last Sunday morning and Rev. J. Robinson at night each delivered a very interesting discourse. The revival service which has been conducted by the Rev. King closed on last Sunday.

The EDITORS' TALK.

Well agents its your turn, we should have said that you get 25 per cent. commission on the $1.00 rate. Pardon us for not speaking sooner, but better late than never. We are climbing up hill in Negro journalism, but your good work makes the machinery run with the usual smoothiness. Well we are making a strong, long, hard pull for "the race," and the race appreciates it. Our recent holiday number settled our future. The past has been brilliant yet the success of The Freeman doing great things for the race was never brighter. You, too, agents will find patrons more easily among the race readers, and thereby you will be aided in many ways. The people prefer the best. They do not always get the best, you tell them about The Freeman. they see it, and seeing in such a case is believing.

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You are doing a great work. The steady business of The Freeman office abundantly testifies what you are doing out in the field. Agents you must write us, tell us about your experiences, and occasionally let us show your "picture." You are the noble heroes in the field who are fighting for the (Freeman) flag. Rally to the standard, The Freeman leads along all the social, economic and political questions affecting the race.

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Well Agents, The Freeman is the Crowned King of journalism. The numerous testimonials make The Freeman force quit work at times to listen to what the Planet said, or the Statesman of Colorado, or the Statesmen of Denver, the Bystander, or the Broad Ax, the Utah Plaindealer and many more brilliant startling comments, but why Agents tell you all this? You tell us how gladly your people received the Xmas number, and you hear these testimonials so frequently in your talk to the many persons daily that this is slightly a bore.

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Did you read about Mr. Tucker the hero of San Juan Hill, and tell the people about seeing and reading of the black uniformed heroes of the late war? Here they are. We told you so, and we always keep our word. Agents, always keep your word. If you say you will do a thing, if it is right, do it or report to God the reason why.

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Mr. Geo. L. Knox,

My Dear Sir:—I want to congratulate you and The Freeman force on getting out such a splendid Christmas number. In addttion to the many excellent signed articles and much high class editorial matter, the mechanical get up of the paper is most commendable, you have surpassed yourself.

Yours Truly.
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Push The Freeman, the $1.00 rate is our annual gift to the Negro. Now agents show to the kickers on the regular rate what they can save by subscribing now. This chance will be gone on the 31st of January. Now $1.00 for the best paper published by tne Negro.

Get The Freeman for $1.00 and send it to a friend in Cuba.

Editor The Freeman:—Xmas copies went like hot cakes, I had to hide a copy for myself. The Freeman excells all other race papers and ought to be read by all that want to know what the colored race is doing, I cannot find words sufficient to express the high opinion that I have of the Xmas edition.

Your Truly,
B. W. LOWE,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Xmas edition of The Indianaplis Freeman capped the climax in Negro journalism. The illustrations were exceptionally good. The quality of paper and the reading matter were the best procurable.—The Paris Texas Reporter, (a white newspaper.)

The Xmas edition of The Indianapolis Freeman was grand. It contained cuts of some of the leading men and women of our race and was printed on very fine paper. Its editorials, like they always are, were timely and interesting. It can be well said of all our Xmas editions, The Freeman excelled them with it twenty brilliant pages.—Christmas Index.

The Xmas number of The Indianapolis Freeman was the best all around special publication by colored men we have ever read. It consists of two quarto sheets and one folio, making twenty pages, six columns to the page with one hundred original and pictorial matter. The contributors are among the ablest Negro writers in the country and no man black or white, north or south can review this publication without becoming impressed with the journalistic efforts of Elwood C. Knox, managing editor of The Indianapolis Freeman.—Fiorida Sentinel.

The Indianapolis Freeman issued a Xmas uumber which was highly complimentary to its editor and publisher as well,—South Western Christian Advocate.

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ROUTE:

BLACK PATTI TROUBADOURS—Spokane, Wash., Jan. 27-28; Tocoma, 30; Seattle, 31-Feb. 2; Victoria, B. C., 3; Nanaimo, 4.

CANADIAN JUBILEE SINGERS & IMPERIAL ORCHESTRA.—Hooperstown, Ill., Jan. 28-29.

GEORGIA, UP-TO-DATE—Wells, Minn., Feb. 5.

GRAHAM'S SOUTHERN SPECIALTY CO.,—Providence R. I., Jan. 26-28.

JOHN W. VOGEL'S MASTODAN MINSTRELS AND EXTRAVAGANZA CO.—Greenfield, Ind., Jan. 30; Rushville, 31; Madison, Feb. 1; Columbus 2; Lynchburg, 3; Aurora, 4.

MARTELS, "SOUTH BEFORE THE WAR."—Sante Fe N. M., Jan. 30; Las Vegas, 31; Raton, Feb. 1; Canon City, Col. 2; Florence, 3; Aurora, 4.

OLIVER SCOTT'S REFINED NEGRO MINSTRELS.—Elmira, N. Y. Jan. 30; Corning, 31.

P. T. WRIGHT NASHVILLE STUDENTS Nevada, Mo., Jan. 23; Appleton City, 24; Clinton, 25; Warrensburg, 27; Harrisonville, 28.

RICHARDS, PRINGLES, RUSCO & HOLLAND'S MINSTREL FESTIVAL—San Augustine, Fla., Jan. 23; Palatka, 24; Sanford, 25; Orlando 26; Tampa, 27; Ocala, 28; Gainsville, 30; Valdosta, 31.

WILLIAMS & WALKER'S OWN CO.—Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 23-28.

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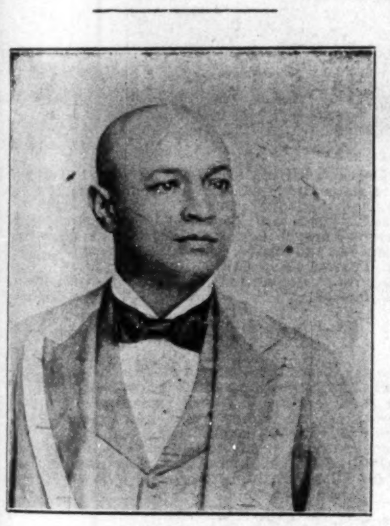

TOM LOGAN.

The above is a good likeness of this popular author and comedian. His home is at Kansas City, Mo., where as a social leader he is well and favorably known. From a fraternal standpoint he enjoys the proud distinction of being a 33d degree Mason; a Mystic Shriner, Past Grand Patron, Order of Eastern Star; Past Grand Chancellor Knights of Pythias; a prominent Odd Fellow: and a charter member of Moore Lodge, B. O. of C. P., New York City. As a performer he ranks high in character work, being a protege of that talented actor, Ernest Hogan, and attributes his success to the painstaking training of Mr. Hogan. Mr. Logan is also a song-writer of no mean ability having written several successes, viz: "Break Away Mister Coon," "Tell Me Honey Quick," "The Up-to-Date Coon," "If Women Should Control," "My Old Black Mammy," "Excuse Me Sir, I Didn't Mean No Harm Dat Time," "John Chinaman" "The Coons' Trademark," etc. He has friends galore and is known from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

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Bill Cottrill sends regards to Billy McClain.

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Fred White sends regards to his professional friends.

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Pete Hampton sends regards to Tom Logan and all B. O. of C. P.

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Mahara's Mammoth Minstrels did an unusually large business in Oakland, Cal.

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Clarence P. Jones sends regards to all friends with the Oliver Scott Minstrels.

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Walter Johnson joined John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels at Delphos, O.

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Messrs. Terry, Leach, Lacy and Stokes sends regards to John Eason, the "Sea Lion.

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Al and Mamie Anderson were prime favorites at the Columbia Theatre, St. Louis, last week.

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John A. Milton closed with the Harry Martell's "South Before the War," at Los Angeles, Cal.

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Will C. Craft, better known around St. Louis as "Cute Little Lukie" is quite a success with his little piccanniny in 'Down on the Ohio," in the Big Colored Carnival at the Coliseum last week.

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Tom Logan sends regards to Hampton and Johnson, Lash Gideon, Pete Woods and P. G. Lowery.

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B. R. Moore, the genial stage manager of the Scott's Minstrels, is a prime favorite with the boys.

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Lloyd Cooper sends regards to Hedgepath, W. O. Terry, Lacy and others with the Georgia Minstrels.

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W. C. Craine sends regards to Gus Hall of the Black Patti co., an ex-member of the Shattuck quartette.

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Richard Lewis, tenor, Scott's Minstrel is successfully singing the pathetic ballad "Two Sweethearts of Mine."

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Don Morrenna, tenor robusto, of Scott's Minstrels is scoring a big hit in his rendition of "Dixie Low."

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Maurice Jordan sends regards to Jas. Turner, Wm. Handy, Bland and Brown, Hilliard Brewer and C. J. Scotte.

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Mace Lawrence, America's greatest trick cyclist, joined John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels, at Toledo, O.

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Wm. Stevenson, double trombonist sends regards to Jas. J Cox, of Arthur Tay's Colored Sports. Address Freeman P. O.

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Big hit—Simpson and Pittman, high-class musical artists, can be engaged for coming season—double in band and orchestra.

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Chas. Washington and Buddie Robinson sends their regards to their many friends. They are stopping at 2603 State street, Chicago.

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Major Ben F. Payne starred his big Colored Carnival at the Coliseum, St. Louis, last week, making a big success of "Old Black Joe."

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J. Ed Green will shortly introduce an original composition—a beautiful descriptive ballad entitled: "That's the Kind of Girl to Wed."

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Jerry Cobb, formerly of the team of team of Cobb and Owen, will soon be at liberty to announce himself as a candate for new honors as a singing and dancing comedian.

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Major Ben F. Payne and "Tag" Washington have joined hands as the two "Ebony-Hued Mascots," they were a big hit at the Imperial and Gayety Theaters St. Louis, recently.

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Prof. Henderson Smith, Chas. B. Tyler made a flying visit to Chicago, Saturday Jan. 21, from Logansport, Ind., to spend Sunday with their families and rejoined the show at Kokomo.

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P. G. Lowery sends regards to Harry Gillam, J. D. West and all of the members of his concert band. Mr. Lowery is in Chicago looking after business concerning his summer engagement.

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C. C. Powell, author of the popular waltz ballad: "Kissed Uncle with Great Respect," has published a coon song, entitled: "The Big Black Colored Ball," which is replete with funny words and catchy music.

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W. A. Seymour, the eminent tragedian, now master of ceremonies with Richards, Pringles, Rusco and Holland's famous Georgias, will be seen in Shakesperian recitals in the large cities during the summer season.

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Helms and Harris are creating a sensation with the Nashville Students, in their coon medley and burlesque cake walk. The opera house manager at Ft. Smith, Ark., says: "Their act is the best ever done in my house—bar none."

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The latest rag-time hit, "I Love My Honey Like I Used to-" words and music by the McCarver Bros., of McCarver, Reed and McCarver, and published by the Buckeye Music Publishing Co., 911 Vine street, Cincinnati, O. Professional copies free.

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Messrs. Love and Howard, the well known violin and guitar soloist were presented with two gorgeous uniforms by Mr. Huffman, of the White Seal Whiskey Co., of Terre Haute, Ind. Their Chicago headquarters is at Nick Bauer's 2100 State street.

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Hampton and Johnson, the high class musical artists, were big favorites at the Drexel Theatre, Chicago, last week. They are closing their clever musical act with Chas. K. Harris' latest "The Honolulu Dance" and making a tremendous hit.

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Mme Bolden, Mme Clemens, "Ting" Mahoney, Babe Alexander and "Tag" Washington are the leading features in Ben F. Payne's Big Colored Carnival. Prof. Williams' superb band and orchestra is also a prominent feature. Major Payne is now considering several offers for the coming road season.

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Miss Lilly Garay, of John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels and Extravaganza company, was called to her home at Chicago, to attend a sick brother, who was not expected to live. He expired shortty after her arrival. Mr. Gil and Miss Lilly have the sympathy of all the company in their sad bereavement.

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George Bailey, of the high-class comedy team of Bailey and Kirk, with John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels, sends regards to all Buffaloes, also to Tom Logan, P. G. Lowery, and members in the following companies: Scott's Minstrels, Richards, Pringles, Rusco and Holland's Georgias and the Georgia Graduates.

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Dennis B. Rice, musician, formerly with Richards, Pringles, Rusco and Holland's famous Georgias, is now running a cozy little barber shop on Franklin street, in Clarksville, Tenn. Mr. Rice has under his charge a fine ladies' orchestra and the noted juvenile band, both of which are in excellent shape. Mr. Rice has a good trade. He sends regards to all friends.

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Mr. Fred W. Simpson, our representative with Oliver Scott's Refined Negro Minstrels, sends the following notes: "We have put in our first week in the State of Pennsylvania, and business has been splendid, all indications are that we will eclipse all former records of last season in the above named state. At Greensburg, Pa., the manager of the theatre gave the boys a swell time, and said the Oliver Scott Minstrels were the finest set of boys he had ever the pleasure of meeting. Manager Junker has about finished the booking for the season of '99-1900,--booked solid for forty weeks.

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Notes from the P. T. Wright Nashville Students: "The Watts' have added a new song to their act and receiving three and four encores nightly. Mr. Watts is now arranging a new medley for his new act. John Prampin is still improving his act. B. E. Johnson is now featuring his own composition. The Stewarts are still pleasing the audiences. Mr. Stewart was highly complimented by the manager or the opera house at Ft. Smith, Ark. Harry Prampin's concert band stands second to none. Their daily program is as follows: Faust, by Gounod; William Tell, by Meyerbeer; Grand fantasie—Old Kentucky, by Dolby; Bridal Rose, Hearts and Flowers, Day Dreams, Wang opera, Cornet, trombone, baritone and tuba solos.

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Mr. Geo. W. Taylor, our hustling agent at Mayfield, Ky., sends the following:—The Imperial Colored Minstrel gave two of their first class performances in our city Friday and Saturday nights to crowded houses, much to the delight of their audience. The show is strictly first class and their performance was great and their band is up-to-date. The blind cornet soloist is one of the greatest attractions of the show, also G. H. Price the baritone singer, and F. D. Sulis the Pianist attract much attention. Prof. Sulis and and Prof. Price had a special invitation from John W. Landrum, white, to go to W. L. McGhee's Cafe, where the elite of the city was waiting with the assistance of blind Joe Mongrum the violinist white, and Prof. Sulis, and Price, they were entertained until the wee small hours of the morning, after which a luncheon was spread and all partook of oyters, fruit ice cream and cake regardless of color. And what makes the show great it is owned and managed by P. H. Chappell colored, and while in our city they made many friends among both colored and white, we hope they will come again next season. The following is the staff:—P. H. Chappell, proprieior, business manager and treasurer; C. A. Jones, leader of the band and orchestra; T. H. Price, stage manager; Sam Cohen, master of transportation; Mac Perkins, assistant stage manager and property man; F. D. Sulis, secretary and pianist, and Chas. Roltare, advance agent.

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Mr. W. C. raine our special representative with Harry Martell's "South Refore the War," company writes:—The company has played a successful engagement throughout the state of California. At Los Angles and San Diego we played to a capacity that the theatre goers are unaccustomed to seeing. They say that we are the record breakers. The merriment of Geo. Moore and Perry Black keeps the audience in a roaring laughter. Engene Clark and Dick Minor in their strong turn have united their forces to work to-gether during the summer. Girard Miller and Miss Flora Batson in their rendition of mirth and melody never fail to acknowledge their ovation. Mrs. Pauline Cottrill and Mrs. Sarah Price in singing "Old Kentucky Home make the most stupid person exert themselves by way of applause. Mr. Jno. A. Milton closed with the above company at Los Angles concluding to stay among the sunshine and the flowers. In a few days the company will be in the region of ice and snow. At Riverside the entire company was welcomed to one of the largest shipping establishments of California. Among the interesting departments was that of where the oranges were graded by machinery. They are heaved into a large cullender and as they glide down the grade they seek their quarters according to size. The packers never count the oranges for they know how many it requires according to the section from which the oranges are taken. We were presented with boxes after boxes all that we could carry away. Amidst our feast we never forgot our eastern friends. A word would drop here and there with a desire to share with those of the East.

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Nagol Mot writes the following from New York City;—Aja, the lon tamer is in the city. John and Ida Larkins closed a successful week at Philadelphia with Albany, Troy, New Haven and Worcester to follow. Johnie E. Davis is at the New Garden this week. The Eldriges are at Scranton Pa., this week. Kid Williams the buck dancer became a trifle disorderly Wednesday evening after the show and an officer had to coax him along with his club. Goggin and Davis the clever acrobats with Williams and Walker's co., will close their present engagement, April, 15 and will sail for Europe April 19, to be absent one year. Grant and Grant were one of the features at Miner's 8th ave. theatre last week.

Mme. Cordelia McClain is in Kansas City, Mo. whither she went in response to a telegram announcing the illness of her mother. Deas and Wilson accompanied by their valet spent Sunday at Newark N. J. Jack Day is convalescent. Aleck Sloan our un-conquered local light-weight will meet Andy Ryan, Feb. 28th at the Lenox Athletic Club pavillion. Prof. Geo. Hicks has accepted the position of musical director of the Douglass Club. Webster Hurt, an old Indianapolis boy sends regards to all friends. Aaron N. Wheeler, is at the New York Professionals hospital undergoing treatment for his eyes. Fletcher Cole has closed with Isham's Octoroon's. Dan Frazier, the baritone is on the sick list. Lewis Williams. (Dess) has decided to learn the printers trade. Bob Russell is playing New Haven this week. Dame rumor hath it that several weddings among the Williams and Walker co. are soon to occur. Miss Nettie Paul the wonderful baritone songstress has open time. Miss Lizzie Joseph entertained a number of her professional friends at the Douglass Club, Thursday, evening. The Imperial Quartette has demonstrated that merit and perseverance will overcome petty jealousies and prejudice, and are the strong feature of Chas. E. Blaney's "A Female Drummer" co. Frank Bounty the irrepressible stewart of the Douglass Club, has returned from Port Jervis, N. Y. Elmer Bowman will join the married state. Feb. 6. Plunk Henry has recovered from a serious attack of neuralgia. The Manilla Merry Makers leave Saturday for the West. Chas. Sawyer, Manager; John Bailey, Stage manager, and W. A. Montgomery musical director. Ver Valin and Godman the musical artists have closed with Welsh Bros. attrnction and are with us again. Furber and Davis of Al Reeve's co. are laying off this week. Don't it seem remarkable that so many of the profession are getting married. Next? After carefully considering the claims of the many applications for the position of musical director made vacant by the resignation of Prof. Harry Burleigh, Williams and Walker selected Prof. Charles F. Alexander, and we are pleased to note that he fills the extremely difficult position in a dignified painstaking manner, (Success Aleck) and the entire company express themselves as being fortunate in securing such an able director. The following from The Traveler, Boston is self explanitory: "There is another clever team in the company. They are the Eldriges, a colored duo. One—the man—is a black dapper little darkey with a swishy slide and a cunning glide, who has a store house as full of wit as a Brazil nut is full of white meat. His partner—wife, sister, aunt, cousin or niece as the case might be—is not as dark as he. She is what might be called a "blonde cullid lady" and is as modest and pretty as a schoolgirl. He is not a bad looking fellow himself but she is attractive enough to make many a white soubrette wish to change colors. And she sings perfectly ravishingly. A bright red costume bedecks her litle figure which blends harmoniously with her pink cheeks—something unusual for a lady of octoroon extraction.

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Mr. W. A. Seymour, our special representative with the Richards & Pringle's Rusco & Holland's Big Minstrels, sends the following from Ferdinand, Fla.—Papers received as usual not regarding the distance we are from the cold clime. Every one is more than anxious to receive the colored clipper. We are soon to turn our faces toward the north and take a whift of the frost and snow. And after sojourning in the southland, and bathing in the sunshine of this delightful clime we will rather enjoy the pure air of the north. I. N. Smith and W. W. Walker who have been on the sick list for the past week are recovering but not able to perform their duties as yet. Other members of the company are working with vim as usual. Harvey Goodall is singing "Good Old Georgia," after a few days rest on account of a severe cold. His impersonation of the old man character is very good in voice and attitude, he resembles very much the old southern darky of slavery days. Mr. Dick Thomas the clever comedian, is singing to encores nightly he is very good as a comedian in the after piece, he is exceedingly funny and plays his part to perfection. Mr. Bobby Kemp the singing comedian and all around performer deserves much credit for his clever work. The after piece arranged by him in which he plays a prominent part is a roaring success, it being the cleverest piece of work done this season by this powerful aggregation. A. J. Smith the clever boy basso is surprising the audience nightly with his wonderful depth of voice. Miss Lizzie Hardin continues to please the audience with her singing "He Certainly was Good to Me." Mr. Harry Fidler the Mimic is continuing to make the audience roar with his Hebrew impersonation. Mr. James Lacy and his double band are the topics of the day every where we have appeared. He has added many new selections to his elaborate collection of music, which they are playing with great effect. Mr. William Hedgepath, Euphoniumn soloist; Dodd, E flat cornetist; Foster, B flat cornetist; Terry, trombone; Simmons, saxaphone; Toony, Piccalo; Leach, Clarionet soloist, are creating the usual amount of excitement with their solos. Mr. Lacy deserves much credit for his earnest work as band master and orchestra leader he being a gentleman in every sense of the word. Mr. J. A. Watts, is making a hit nightly singing the beautiful ballad "The Little Woolen Stocking Baby Wore," Mr. Watts has a wonderful tenor voice which he uses to a great effect, he deserves much praise for his solo singing. The Great Gauze is singing to two and three encores nightly. James Crosby is hiting them hard with the song, "Why don't you get a lady of your own." Much praise is due the company for their earnest work. And every one is now looking forward to the summer.

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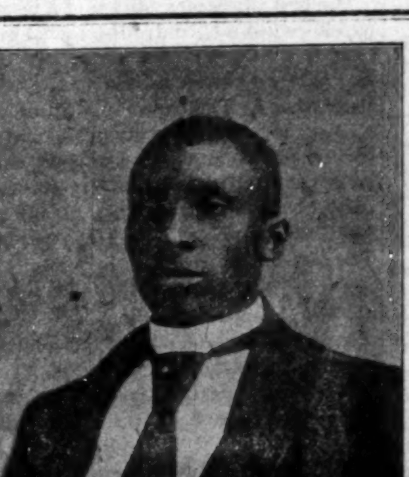

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To paraphrase a fine stanza of Byron, our lives are twofold, a vision of things misnamed death and existence. Dreams in their developement have birth, the touch of pleasure and of pain. They make us what we are not, what they will, they do divide our being.

The mind can create worlds of its own, and people them with beings brighter than have been. Dreams are symbils of the future, they are heralds of eternity. Out of chaos came the forms of beauty that appear, whether in the landscape. the sea or sky. Out of chaos have come also the largest human growths. Tyranny and oppression are to man, what fire and water are to the process of tempering steel.

God is ever seeking the production of higher types; that portion of the Negro race which is able to run the awful gauntlet of persecution, and of trial which is now surrounding it will develop the highest type of man and of woman this country will ever produce.

God never leads any people through such stages of persecution and trial except those for whom he has prepared the highest destiny.

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Cake walk music, rag time and coon songs vibrate upon every breeze, in university, stately mansion and humble cottage. This is the first mile-stone in the old journey of the Negro melodies. Five hundred Negroes are upon the American stage to-day entertaining the public successfully, and winning great applause. This peculiar form of music is scarcely a faint prophecy of the immortal master pieces of musical composition, which are to-day running warm in the blood, and slowly but surely taking form, to be given to the world within the next century, by the great Negro composers who are to be the master musicians of the world.

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There is a wealth of rich literary material in connection with the life of the Negro in this land, which only awaits the touch of genius to be woven into the thrilling romance of the most immortal master-piece of literary creation, which has ever yet moved the heart and brain of the world. Ah! if we had in this hour some master spirit with the genius of Harriett Beecher Stowe, to tell the story of our wrongs as she did to generation, and to all generations, what a change would be wrought in public sentiment. A single novel by a master genius dealing with the sad problems of the hour, would do more for our cause, than all newspaper articles, speeches, resolutions and legislation combined will be able to accomplish. But the one who has both the inspiration and the genius for this task is in hiding somewhere gathering materials and plying studiously, at the great loom of thought, weaving fact with fancy in such brilliant blending of color, which shall one day soon come forth to stir the world, and enlarge the borders of genius.

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The President's message is before the country, and before the world. A great message; a master-piece among the great state papers which have gone before. but marred by a sad defect. How President McKinley could overlook the state of anarchy, the murder and the repine which has gone forth robed in blood and fire in North and South Carolina, is more than we are able to understand. No valid excuse could be made for this over-sight, he knew that he would excite less protest on the part of the colored people by passing it over in silence, than he would have received from the whites had he spoken out as it was his duty to do.

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The north and south are endeavoring to come together, and it is the evident intention that the Negro shall not stand in the way of this consumation. The south has hit upon the most telling pretext that devilish ingenuity could devise to blacken the character of the Negro before the world, by raising a cry that the Negro was a rapist. So zealously have they worked this that the North and West, and even New England, look without a shudder upon the horrifying spectacles of fiendish outrage, which are enough to make the very angels bow their heads in sympathy and horror. But God knows what best; he loves the Negro quite as much as he does the white man, knows what is best for him, and it may be that persecution is God's method for making the Negro man.

For the Negro has more against him than any other people in this land. If against the fierce opposition with which in every walk of life he must contend, he is able to maintain his place, and rise to higher things, he will become the strongest, and the most foremost man. With bloody foot prints cross the sands, the jagged rock, the valley, the mountain and the sea, mankind has come to place and power. High upon the mountain of vision we see beyond the mists of intervening centuries, the Negro strong and great, among the great and powerful of the earth.

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We have read of the battle of giants, but had not expected to see a contest between them in this modern age. But Bishop Gaines has advanced into the arena to try the strength of Bishop Turner upon the charge of maladministration, Bishop Gaines is from Georgia' even from Atlanta, so is Bishop Turner. Bishop Turner is the senior bishop of the A. M. E. church; Bishop Gaines stands next to him in seniority.

Bishop Turner has been to Africa, both West and South: upon his last visit to this continent of hope, Bishop Turner in order to have all the affairs of his district properly looked after during his absence named the men to whom he gave this charge, "arch presiding elders. While in South Africa, Bishop Turner found conditions there to be of such a character that in his judgement, he felt it necessary to have a general superintendent of the work upon the ground, who understood both the language, manners and customs of the people. The man whom he appointed to this position he has designated "vicar bishop;" for all of these things he is charged with maladministration.

There has been no evidence through the columns of our church papers that the church repudiated the action of Bishop Turner. We have had six months to think the thing over and the more the church has thought about it the greater has been the appreciation of the church for the splendid services and the great acheivements of Bishop Turner in South Africa.

Bishop Turner is an unusual man, an extraordinary man, and therefore none should be surprised when he does unusual and extraordinary things. Bishop Gaines and Bishop Turner have known each other for years, yet I fear that one at least does not know the other. The church entertains no fears of Bishop Turner setting himself up as a dictator, usurper or man ambitious to wield absolute authority in the household of God.

We believe that he did what he thought was right. The church has not condemned him and if the connection was ransacked from its remotest borders for delegates to the general conference, with minds biased against Bishop Turner, we do not believe enough of such men to constitute a quorum could be found.

It would be most unfortunate indeed if party spirit is developed, and fractional strife engendered in the borders of our connection as between the plaintiff and defendant in the case. If the general conference thinks Bishop Turner has made a mistake it will say so. While with uncovered head it will hail him as her foremost man, and wreath for him an arch of triumph for his splendid achievements in behalf of Africa and the Africans; for Christ and the church and unselfish loyalty and devotion to his race in the present hour of struggle and to the unnumbered millions yet unborn.

R. C. RANSOM,

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OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

The Freeman, an illustrated colored newspaper, published in this city by George L. Knox, has issued a Christmas number of twenty pages. It is profusely illustrated with portraits and the calendared quality of the paper gives an excellent typographical appearance.—Indianapolis Daily News.

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The Indianapolis Freeman's Christmas number fully demonstrated that The Freeman is the foremost illustrated colored newspaper. Much of its space was devoted to the theatrical profession and the members thereof, yet there were many gems of thought and matter for serious reflection for all. Hurra for The Freeman.—The Colorado Springs Sun.

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The best Christmas edition of a newspaper, owned and controlled by colored men, that has ever come under our notice, and we have seen them all, was that issued by The Freeman, of Indianapolis, Ind., last Saturday. It was a corker, up-to-date in every department and replete with choice cuts, interesting matter and race news. Go on up to head, Brother Knox, and stay there.—The Pittsburg Press.

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"The Freeman's" Christmas is surely a grand edition and should be in every family in America. It surpasses all of its former publications, and is a splendid twenty page number. It is beautifully illustrated and shows excellent work in journalism. The cut collection is grand the design wonderful, the composition exact, and the makeup and press work alright. To make a long story short, "The Freeman" is the leading paper of the race.—The Utah Plaindealer.

SURPRISED HER HUSBAND.

Why the Young Wife Spent an Afternoon In His Office.

Young Mrs. Smith, who lives down on Prairie avenue, is very fond of her husband and also very jealous of him. Mr. Smith knows this and enjoys it immensely. Before the Smiths were married he used to know a Minneapolis girl who visited his sister in Chicago. Mrs. Smith knew her very well too. The Minneapolis girl came down not long ago, and Mrs. Smith called on her. A few days before the Minneapolis girl went back she called on Mrs. Smith, and they had an enjoyable quarter of an hour thinking things about one another and talking about Mansfield.

When the Minneapolis girl rose to go, she said sweetly, "Oh, by the way, I want to see Charlie before I go back, and I think I may just drop into his office this afternoon."

"Oh, do; Charlie will be delighted," returned Mrs. Smith. The door had hardly closed on the guest before Mrs. Smith executed a sort of war dance. She dressed as fast as she could, put on her bonnet and announced her intention of going down to Mr. Smith's office. Her grandmother remonstrated in vain. Mrs. Smith is only 18, and she is jealous.

"I thought I'd spend the afternoon with you," she announced to the astonished Charlie as she swept into the office.

"But, my dear"— he began, when Mrs. Smith ensconced herself at the side of his desk and intimated that the most violent arguments would not move her. She sat there all the afternoon. The Minneapolis girl enjoyed herself shopping, and forgot to call in to tell Charlie goodby. Mrs. Smith broke down and confessed as soon as she got home, and her foolish young husband told her to go down next day and buy herself the prettiest hat she could find. —Chicago Inter Ocean.

JOHN HAY'S BIG APRON.

One of the Cases Where Dishwashing Produced a Poet.

Colonel Hay was when a boy a regular attendant of the Presbyterian Sunday school at Warsaw, Ills.

The Sunday school lessons partly consisted of committing to memory Bible verses, and to attain supremacy in this created quite a rivalry among the scholars. John Hay was sure to come out ahead from two to five answers, sometimes more, causing those of his comrades who were always behind him to regard him with envy.

Consequently when some of those boys heard that John had to wash dishes and do the churning for his mother and, more than all, that he wore an apron while at these duties his jealous comrades fairly crowed.

One morning it was agreed by his comrades to get him out of doors while he had his apron on and humiliate him by having two or three girls whom he rather liked ask him questions in regard to his housework.

Young Hay came out to where the boys were and answered the questions by saying that he washed dishes as his mother taught him, and then, with twinkling eyes, he gave the dishpan which he had with him a tremendous fling, contents and all, drenching whoever happened to be near enough, and, laughing loudly, ran into the kitchen. Hay and his big apron were never molested after that.—Christian Endeavor World.

A Kissing Nation.

In no other part of the world is kissing so much in vogue as in Russia. From time immemorial it has been the national salute. Indeed it is more of a greeting than a caress.

In public affairs, as in private, the kiss is an established custom. Fathers and sons kiss, old generals with rusty mustaches kiss, whole regiments kiss. The emperor kisses his officers. On a reviewing day there are almost as many kisses as shots exchanged. If a lilliputian corps of cadets have earned the imperial approval, the imperial salute is bestowed upon the head boy, who passes it on with a hearty report to his neighbor, he in his turn to the next, and so on, through the whole juvenile body.

On a holiday or fete day the young and delicate mistress of a house will not only kiss all her maidservants, but all her menservants, too, and if the gentleman does not venture above her hand she will stoop and kiss his cheek.

To judge also from the number of salutes the matrimonial bond in these high circles must be one of uninterrupted felicity. A gentleman scarcely enters or leaves the room without kissing his wife either on her forehead, cheek or hand.

Heroes of the Pen.

The intensity of application with which the mind follows whatever it lays hold of in literary pursuits is exemplified in the case of Robert Ainsworth, a celebrated writer and antiquarian of the seventeenth century. He had been for years engaged in a voluminous Latin dictionary, and while fascinated with this heroic work gave so little time and attention to his wife that he incurred her bitterest jealousy, and before the work was quite complete she committed the whole to the flames. Instead of abandoning himself to despair, Ainsworth set to work and rewrote it, accomplishing the entire work in time. The same bitter disappointment was endured with similar heroism by Carlyle when the manuscript of his "Frederick the Great" was destroyed by fire.

Unexpected.

The tramp had been very impertinent and dictatorial until the hired man unexpectedly made his appearance and inquired. "Are you lookin fur a scrap?"

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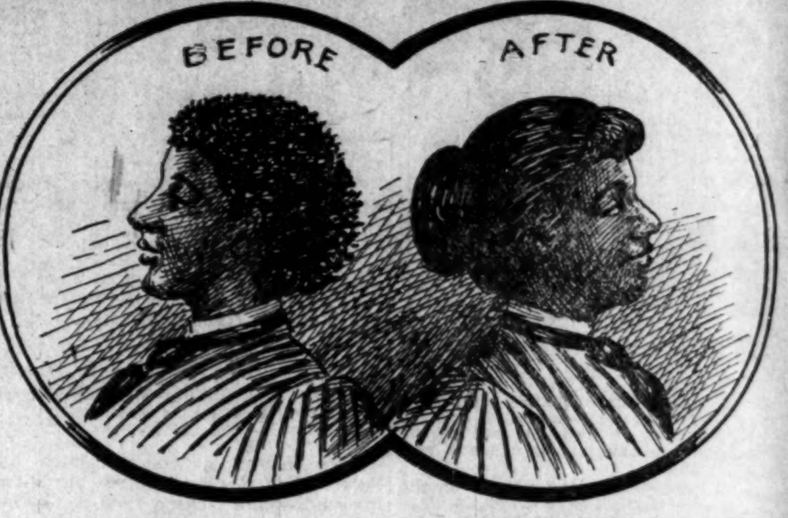

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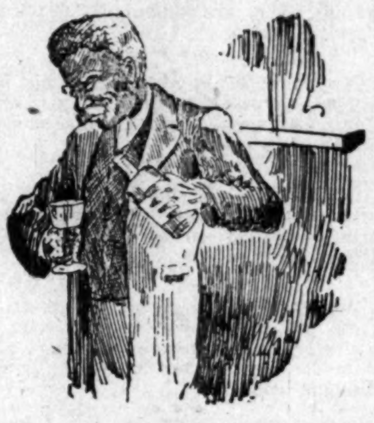

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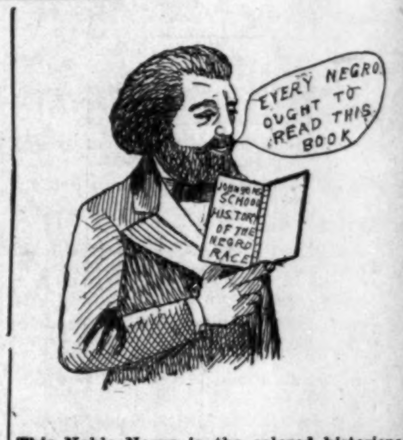
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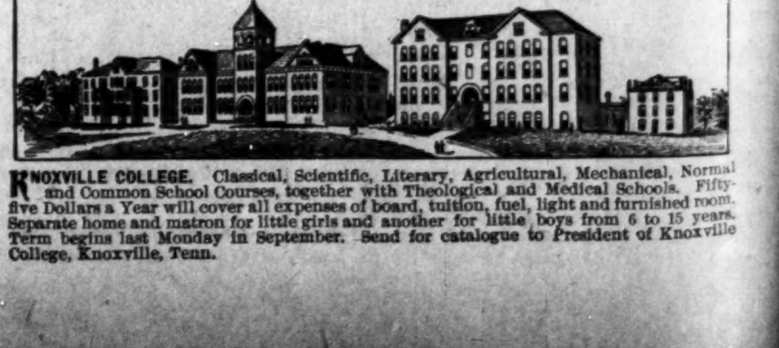

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XMAS REFLECTIONS.

Prof. W. H. Council, of Normal, Ala., in "A Plea for our Youth," published in the Christmas number of The Freeman, make many remarkable statements, in an elegant, forcible easy style, and endears himself more greatly to the heart of the people. He says in a pleasing way:—

"We do not help our young people enough while they are in school. In thousands of cases they are left to shift for themselves. Where there is a necessity for such a life-and-death struggle, I do not object to it. But where the boy or girl is working his way through school and the parent, as I have observed in hundreds of cases, spends his time idly or spends his money for unnecessary things, it is a sin to inflict such hardships upon our youth. I have no faith in the doctrine that it is best to throw the youth upon his own resources. It is unnatural, condemned by the laws of God and man. The farmer could with as much sense plant his grain, see it germinate, turn it over to the mercy of the elements, sit down and expect full granaries."

The above is perfectly the true state of the case. Time and well-thikinng must be depended on to obliterate the petty jealousies existing between the old and young. It is alarmingly true that the old in many respects, view the educated self-respecting youth with an eye of jealous suspicion and failing to interpret properly the mission of our youth who avail themselves of opportnnities to promote racial respect, either from ignorance or down right meaness, possibilities blurred. and are too often the hopes of the young are blighted. Prof. Councill makes a strong case, and it would be well for the race to give a more serious sober second thought to his able article in to to. Again he eloquently gives a glimpse of some of his hardships in the following:—

I struggle and pray every day of my life to give young people a better chance than I had. I do not want my boy nor any other boy, to have the same bitter experience which marked my early efforts. I have slept in a cotton pen a whole winter because I had no better place. I have washed an only shirt and then sat down in the shade of a tree while it dried. I wore a pair of "Yankee" drawers for pants a whole winter. I wore low-cut shoes in winter, without socks. When a boy, I never had an undershirt nor dreamed of an overcoat. I plowed once, three days for an old Greenleaf's Arithmetic. I only had split cedars for a light three years. Later, I walked eight miles three times a week for three lessons a week in physics and chemistry and paid a learned professor fifty cents for each lesson. God forbid that any boy, white or black, should ever be forced to battle against such odds! We must give our youth more encouragement, more substantial aid in their struggles for education. Present processes will not only tend to lower the grade of scholarship, but will lessen respect for the college university and for deep and profound learning. A race had just as well attempt to lay aside the hammer and the saw, the shovel and the hoe, the washtub and the needle, as to discard the college and the university. The youth must be assisted into knowledge and use of all."

Hon. D. A. Straker, is a fluent writer a well read, and a highly cultivated self-respecting gentleman. The subject, "Civic Social Developement," his contributed article in the Xmas number of The Freeman abundantly tells where his heart and mind are, and point to the holy temple of the Golden Rule where his hopes are set. The position is as high ground as has ever been taken by any American writer. The Judge says:—

"The unsettled condition of society everywhere is the reason for calling your attention to this subject. In speaking of man in society I do so regarding him in the most comprehensive term—mankind. It is conceded that society in its economic and social state is at unrest everywhere. The nineteenth century has been the developement of man in art, science and literature, in a greater degree than ever before witnessed. Upon the stage of human activity, during this what may be termed golden age of thought. have appeared men and women who have given society, for its highest developement, the sublimest thoughts and deeds. Tennyson, Gladstone, Bismark. Holmes, Tolstoi, Huxley, Spencer. Froude, Blaine, Rubenstein. Newman, Manning, Frances Willard, Susan B. Anthony. Beecher-Stowe and others who have lived and died, as bright stars in the constellation of human thoughts and activity. The harmony of the progress of man has rolled on evolving, by invention and discovery, the hidden powers of nature and the hiterto unknown capacity of of human intellect, bearing witness that God made man in his own image."

Here are arrayed the good and the great benefactors of mankind in one grand literary phalanx, the reformers of the closing century whose lives were devoted to making theworld better, who have clear consciences, accomplished their great work by themselves seeking to become better. Judge Straker proves himself one of this vast coterie, meaning so much to Christendom by this logical expression of historical data so strongly placed in the following:—

"Opportunity, as given by God to mankind and not to a few to seek and promote its highest developement as a race of beings and given reason so given that in the competition for developement man could have dominion over the brute creation was so deprived him that it had become intolerable to the English barons at Runnymede. There the protest for enlarged opportunity in civil affairs was made and the famous Magna Charta of human rights in greater opportunity for human suffrage was demanded and reluctantly granted by a feeble-minded king.

In closing he lays down a proposition it would be well for those who advocate industrial education as our full fleged means to accomplish the end sought. It reads like parts of a drama.—

"Wealth is attributed to the introduction of machinery, which increases capital by reducing production to a minimum. But what does it profit the worker that knowledge grows if all the appliances of science are not to lighten his labor? Wealth may accumlate and public and private magnificence may have reached a point never before attained in the history of the world, but wherein is society the better if the Nemesis of poverty still sit like a hollow-eyed specter at the feast."

A Brilliant Affair

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick kept open house from 2 until 12 o'clock p. m., new year's day at their beautiful home 194 Vance street, and many friends partook of their liberal hospitalities to the extent of having a delightful time. The hostess was beautifully attired in a princess gown, pink in color, of soft texture with velvet trimmings. The genial host wore the conventional black, looked a nobleman indeed. Among the many callers were: Mr. Chester W. Gibbs, Mr. Love Hatch, Miss Mattie Horton, Miss Susie Donnelley, Mr. Charley Harris, Mrs. Fannie Johnson, Mr. William Nunley, Mrs. William Nunley, Mr. Sandy B. Butler, Miss Emma J. Dobbins, Mrs. Annie Moody, Mrs. John Lee, Mrs. Richardson. Miss Annie Moody, Mr. Samuel Moody, Jr., Miss Ouida Moody, Mr. Elijah Moody, Mr. W. J. Dawson. Mr. Mack Harrison of Dover, Oklahoma was the guest of his son, A. J. Harrison, Balden avenue. Mr. Harrison runs the principal boarding house in Dover. Mrs. Mary Milum of 199 Larose street, took a flying trip to Holly Springs, Miss, to visit her mother, Mrs. Clara Johnson. S. D. Alexander is out again after a few weeks' illness. Avery Chapel A. M. E. church, has a just right to be proud of their new pews. The committee desires to thank the friends and the public for there assistance in paying off the $1700 indebtedness in less than 18 months. Mr. Adam Davis, a young man of about 30 years, died last week and was buried from Avery Chapel on the 13th inst. He leaves a widowed mother. Mr. Lorenza Dow has returned from an extended trip through Arkansas and Louisiana, stopping at Gayton to visit his sister and other relatives. Mrs. Dow has been ill several weeks. The house belonging to H. R. Saddlers was destroyed by fire last week. P. F. Hill, G. M., and J. Thomas Turner, G. S., of the U. B. F.'s are in the city on official business. Keep your eyes on The Freeman.

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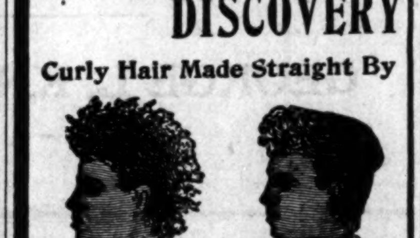

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Some Instances of the Singular Effects Produced Upon the Mind by Gazing Steadily at a Crystal—Forgotten Incidents Recalled.

The queer freaks of memory are a constant puzzle to those who study psychical phenomena. Who has not been driven to the verge of distraction by the total inability to recall a name when an effort was made to do so and when the occasion for such remembrance was past had the missing name flash into the mind apparently of its own volition?

Great minds have wrestled to find an explanation for the pranks that memory plays and have had to give up the effort. In the course of a systematic attempt to arrive at some understanding with regard to the wonders of memory a very valuable and unique body of testimony has been obtained. The following questions have been put to 200 American university students and professional persons, 151 being men and 49 being women. The answers are here given with the questions:

Question 1.—When you cannot recall a name you want, does it seem to come back spontaneously without being suggested by any perceived association of ideas? To this 11 per cent answered "No" and 81 per cent "Yes."

Question 2.—Does such recovery ever come during sleep? To this 17 per cent answered "No" and 28 per cent "Yes."

Some examples given:

1. This morning I tried to recall the name of a character I had read of the night before in one of Scott's novels and failed. I taught a class, and walking home in the afternoon all the names recurred to me without effort.

2. I tried to recall the name of a book. Gave it up. Half an hour later, while talking of something else, blurted it out without conscious volition.

Question 3.—On seeing a sight or hearing a sound for the first time, have you ever felt that you had seen (or heard) the same before? Fifty-nine per cent answered "Yes."

The action of unconscious memory during sleep is illustrated by further queries:

Question 4.—Do you dream? Ninety-four per cent answered "Yes."

Question 5.—Can you wake at a given hour determined before going to sleep without waking up many times before? Fifty-nine per cent answered "Yes." Thirty-one per cent answered "No."

Question 6.—If you can, how about failure? Sixty-nine per cent seldom failed; 25 per cent often.

Question 7.—Do you come direct from oblivion into consciousness? Sixty-four per cent answered "Yes" and 16 per cent "Gradually."

Examples:

1. I had to give medicine every two hours exactly to my wife. I am a very sound sleeper, but for six weeks I woke up every two hours and never missed giving the medicine.

2. I am always awake five minutes before the hour I set the alarm.

3. I had had little sleep for ten days and went to bed at 9, asking to be called at midnight. I fell asleep at once. I rose and dressed as the clock stuck 12, and could not believe I had not been called.

A strange phenomenon has come to light in the course of the inquiry into the mystery of memory. It has been discovered that by gazing steadily at a crystal consciousness is partly lost. Into the void thus produced those who have practiced crystal gazing find that there enter unbidden forgotten incidents and lost memories. To give a few instances: A lady in crystal gazing saw a bit of dark wall covered with white flowers. She was conscious she must have seen it somewhere, but had no recollection where. She walked over the ground she had just traversed and found the wall, which she had passed unnoticed.

She took out her bankbook another day. Shortly afterward she was gazing at the crystal and saw nothing but the number one. She thought it was some hack number, but, taking up the bankbook, found to her surprise it was the number of the account.

At another time she destroyed a letter without noting the address. She could only remember the town. After gazing at the crystal some time she saw "321 Jefferson avenue." She addressed the letter there, adding the town, and found it was right.

A lady sat in a room to write where she had sat eight years before. She felt her feet moving restlessly under the table and then remembered that eight years before she always had a footstool. It was this her feet were seeking.

Psychical research brings to light many cases of similar strange tricks of memory. It is easy to find instances that serve to deepen the mystery. It is not so easy to give an explanation. The cleverest men who have attempted to do so have had to admit defeat.—Washington Post.

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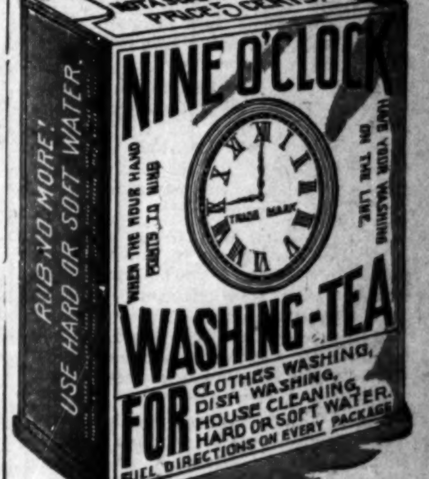
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Old Soldiers should see Lawyer W. E. Henderson about their pension he has had a long experience.

Now is the time to subscribe for The Great King of Negro journals.—$1.00 lasting until Jan., 31st.

Mrs. James Stafford entertained at 6 p. m., in honor of Miss Maggie Hanner of Louisville, Ky., at her home 819 Blake street.

The subject for discussion before the Booker T. Washington literary society of Irvington, Ind., next Tuesday evening is "Resolved that women should not be employed in work shops."

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It is with special pride that The Freeman mentions in its columns Lawyer J. V. Lewis, a young stalwart attorney of the race. Recently he was appointed by Judge Alford of the Criminal Court to defend Florida Phillips in a notorious murder case next week. Lewis the leading attorney for defense.

Mr. Reuben Horney one of our beloved and esteemed brother's departed this life Friday, Jan. 20, at 6 o'clock after three days illness, it was quite a shock to his friends and family. He leaves a beloved wife and two sisters. and a host of relatives to mourn his death. May God bless and look upon them.

Rev. J. S. Woods, recently of Mattoon, Ill., editor of the Afro-American Review published in the above named city, called at The Freeman office. The versatile and eloquent divine is assisting Rev. Dr. Graham in a revival at Bethel church during this week. He also preached at Allen Chapel last Sunday night to a large congregation.

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K. OF P. NOTES.

Work of the Grand Lodge is progressing nicely.

The Pythian anniversary will be held March 26 as usual.

Montgomery Lodge has installed officers and have the S. A. P. W. Other lodges will follow at their next meeting.

Don't forget there will be an interesting lecture at Marion Castle Hall Sunday afternoon, Feb. 5; time 2:30 to 3:30.

Grand Chancellor Jos. H. Ward has commissioned Dr. Sumner A. Furniss, Grand Medical Director of State for one year. The commission goes into effect at once.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal B. J. Corley, is visiting Hartsville, Tenn. In a letter to Dr. Ward he authorized him to sign all documents during his absence.

Grand Chancellor Ward gave a lecture on Pythianism at Castle Hall in Indiana avenue last Sunday. This is the beginning of a series of lectures to be given there every two weeks, Sunday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30. All Pythians are invited.

B. O. OF C. P. NOTES.

Much interest is being taken in this new order. The last meeting was largely attended.

Barbour Lodge, No. 4, B. O. of C. P., was organized recently at Toledo. O., with a large list of members.

The McClain Lodge, No. 1, are making a big effort to enter their new quarters by the first of February.

Special meeting Monday evening, Jan. 30. Every member is expected to be present.—Business of importance.

Prof. Henderson Smith, Grand Creator of Works, will be in this city Sunday, February 26. A grand time is anticipated.

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star
Will be there. conquorers. they.

Amid the hurrahs for Indiana's colored troops, companies A. and B. and the clank of well trained marchers, and the drum and fife upon which was being played, "John Brown's Body," the triumphant soldierly guest strode into Bethel A. M. E. church auditorium where were in waiting many of the leading men of the race to do them honor by song and speech, while the ladies were there for more good purposes than a few, to bring up the rear.

The ever-mindful, Dr. D. A. Graham, presided over the meeting. He said: "My fellow-citizens there need be displayed on this significant occasion the east semblance of formality. Many good speakers are here who will entertain you."

The first Indiana companies A. and B. in proper military regulation style sat according to rank in front of the pulpit, taking up the middle pews, while to the right and left wings sat Captains Buckner and Porter with their lieutenants and corporals. The Ladies' Soldiers' Aid Society sat immediately in front of the companies, facing the audience and the brave boys for whom they were sponsers. Their regale of soldierly-bearing consisted of two miniature flags worn over the heart.

After the grand chorus of "America" was sung, Rev. Wakefield of Jones Tabernacle, invoked the Lord's blessing. Prof. Hoeing (white) of St. Paul's church sang with much feeling a medley, consisting of "Home Sweet Home," "Glory, Glory Hallelujah," "Hail Columbia Happy Land," "Oh! Columbia the Gem of the Ocean," "Oh! Say Can You See by the Dawn's Early Light." Hon. G. L. Jones was called on for a short speech—[space forbids the reproduction of the speeches made at this time]—then Mr. George L. Knox, Rev. White of the Prerbyterian church. At this point Mr. Hoeing sang, "Land of Greatness." Speeches by Mr. W. Allison Sweeney, Rev. A. L. Murray of Allen Chapel; Rev. Herod of the Christian church; Rev. J. S. Woods of Mattoon, Ill.

Responses by Corporal Barnett of company A. and Corporal Tyler of company B. Presentations of fine cut flowers to Captains Porter and Buckner by Mrs. Bell Davis, the president of the Soldier's Aid Society. A generous response by the soldiers of both companies—with their war cry—

"Who are we!
"Who are we!!
"We are the boys of company A. of
company B"—

Repeated till the very auditorium shook. The Negroes' record for ready glowing wit and extemporaneous eloquence was broken on this occasion, but every one who spoke, had a manuscript, patriotically written in the faces of the brave boys in blue to aid him on to the Websterian heights. At the conclusion of this pyrotechnic display of the mind and spirit where "mental food was in abundance as Dr. Graham said," the ladies God bless them always, had remembered that the boys had stomachs also, and after all had marched down to the banquet hall, they fairly tried themselves. The soldiers of both companies sat at long tables in Bethel festival hall, while the officers and speakers occupied the round table in the lecture hall. The tables were beautifully and lavishly bedecked with ferns, carnations and roses. The menu consisted of

Oyster Soup Cream Potatoes
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Coffee Bread
Cream and Cake

At the officers' table sat Rev. Murray who said grace, Captains Porter and Buckner, First Lieutenant John Edlim, First Lieutenant James H. Thomas, Second Lieutenant William H. Bess, Revs. Drs. J. S. Woods, D. A. Graham, Wakefield, White, Herod, Mr. G. L. Knox, Hons. G. L. Jones, S. A. Elbert, M. D., and M. A. Majors, M. D. The officers of the Soldiers' Aid Society are Mrs. Bell Davis, president; Mrs. Ada Goins, secretary; Mrs. Beulah W. Porter, vice-president and representative of the societies of Indiana. The roster consists of the following: Mesdames Bell Davis, Sarah Moore, Beulah W. Porter, M. D., Susie Williams, Roxey Bell, Hattie Dennis, Ada Goins, Martha Hall, Mrs. Carr, Mrs. Settles, Anna Quinn, Jane Bell, Elizabeth Weaver, Jane Thomas, Mary E. Wakefield, Lizzie Mitchell, Cathrine Baxter, Miss Ella Lewis, Mrs. Mary Allen. Honorary: Jeff. D. Porter, Henderson Skinner, Felix Davis. This ends the beginning of a new chapter of Negro history in America. Much credit is due the Soldiers' Aid Society—headed by Mrs. Bell Davis, Mrs. Ada Goins and the talented Dr. Beulah W. Porter. The entire affair was conducted with much neatness and showed the generalship of shrewed painstaking woman to be superior to man, when it comes to the culinary art. Thus passes into history no doubt the greatest and grandest military banquet the Negro has ever witnessed.

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Springfield Items.

Springfield, O., Special.

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Items of Interest.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

Earnest Manning has returned from a pleasant visit to Chicago, Ill. Mrs Charles Stewart and little son Blithe have returned from a visit with friends and relatives in Columbus, O. Mrs. Elijah Wilson is on the sick list. P. V. Watson of Evansville, Ind., who is attending the Kalamazoo College, preached a very able sermon at the Second Baptist church. Mrs. Emily Simmons spent Sunday at Plainwell, Mich. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. B. B. B. Johnson of Dowagiac, Mich., holding a successful revival at the Second Baptist church. We pray that they may have great success and cause many precious souls to come to Christ. Mrs. L. S Waters of Chicago who has been very sick at her mother's Mrs. Joshua Phillips on Sheldon street is able to be out. Among those who attended the cake walk at the Opera House in Oswego, Thursday evening Jan., 19th, were the Misses Martha Cousins, Cora Thurman and Mary Butler and the Messrs James Bell, George Tillman and Eddie Couisins. The musical entertainment given st the Odd Fellows Hall, Tuesday Jan., 24th. was a grand success. A neat little sum was realized.

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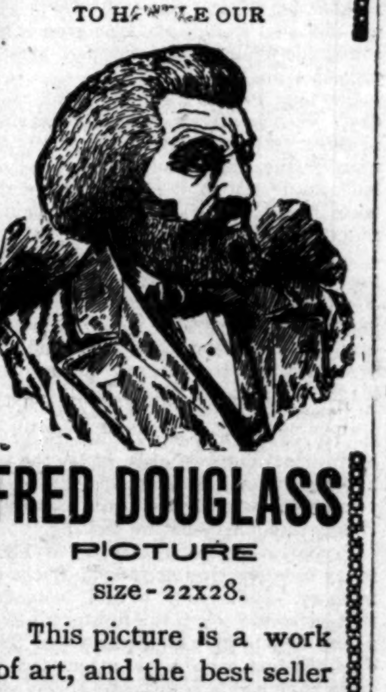

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